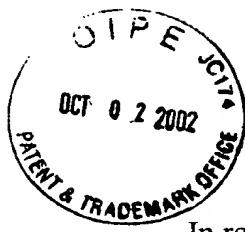


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Seji FUJITSUKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/772,907

Examiner: A. Mathews

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For: SCANNING EXPOSURE METHOD AND SYSTEM

REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND
AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the September 4, 2002 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species II, Figures 20-35 and claims 12-28, which read thereon. This election is made with traverse. In addition, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 17-28 as follows:

--17. A scanning exposure system according to claim 16, wherein the illumination region setting device includes a pair of blind plates which respectively have openings with a predetermined width in the synchronous moving direction and are movable in a direction that is different from the synchronous moving direction.--

--18. A scanning exposure system according to claim 16, wherein the illumination region has a pentagonal or hexagonal shape.--

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
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